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OUR JOURNAL

WHETHER this Journal will be issued regularly in future, and at what intervals, are matters to be determined hereafter. When the members of the *College Society of Agriculture and Horticulture* come together again in September, these points will be definitely determined. It has been thought advisable, in the mean time, to put our present issue in such form as may suit a Journal which may take a permanent character. It will be an easy matter hereafter to add to the number of pages, giving it sixteen, twenty-four, or thirty-two, as may be thought proper.

There are many reasons that make it desirable to issue, regularly, such a publication from the College. The leading one is, that an Institution such as ours, founded by farmers, and designed especially to advance agricultural interests, should keep up constant intercourse with the agricultural community. We do not wish to hide ourselves from criticism in academic shades. We invite and court attention; not claiming that we have anything whereof we may boast, but what we are, and what we are doing, we wish the farmers of Maryland to know, and if it is worth anything, to appreciate. This they may best accomplish, in the absence of frequent personal inspection, through a journal such as this may be made; a journal which will faithfully record our own agricultural doings, while it gathers from every source, for their use, all the lights of science, and of the most practised skill of this and other countries.

It is to be wished, especially, that the students assembled here, should have frequent opportunity of communication with their contemporaries of Maryland, and the surrounding States. Through such a journal, this could be accomplished to the mutual advantage of those in, and out of, College. The rising generation of farmers, whether it should be in their power or not to join the college classes, would soon learn to look to it as the centre of agricultural intelligence, and to claim an interest in it for its beneficent influence upon them and their pursuit.

As a great experiment in the interest of Agriculture, our College claims the sympathy, and the earnest support, of all right thinking agriculturists especially; through the columns of such a journal, their confidence and good will would freely manifest itself, and the quiet, unseen labors of

those most directly occupied in the work, would be cheered and encouraged by their well considered sympathy.

Whether often or seldom, we hope to let our outside friends hear from us occasionally, through such a medium as this. We shall be glad to hear often, and more directly from them.

THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

It is difficult, we find, to get the community to understand that this Institution is essentially a College, and that all college learning is really to be had here. Very many never supposed for a moment, that an institution with the epithet "Agricultural" to its name, could teach the classics and mathematics, and those who happen to know that it is attempted, think it mere presumption that a college so new, and so near home, should be brought into comparison with such as are old and far off. These continue therefore to send away their sons to distant colleges, at very large expense, but others more considerate, at least of their purses, if not more patriotic, are keeping their sons at home, and building up a Maryland College.

The founders of this college were brave men. It needed courage to give it its name. They knew well, that to call it "Agricultural," was to bring it down, in the estimation of a large majority perhaps, to a much lower level than pertains to seats of literature and science. The college has doubtless suffered under this influence. But they started out to defy and combat a false estimate of their favorite pursuit. They claimed that it should be ranked no longer as below "learned" professions, the calling of the dull and the ignorant. They demanded for it the honor of being placed among the sciences; and founding an institution which was not to be devoted to agriculture merely, but to all science and knowledge, they gave it a name which would ensure forever, a due recognition of their profession.

FUTURE NUMBERS.

In future numbers of the Journal, it is proposed to furnish, in addition to proceedings of meetings of our society, such agricultural matter as our space may allow. We are aware that there is a large demand for select agricultural reading in the community, and hope to be able to contribute, in some degree, to support those already engaged in so useful a pursuit.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING

Of Officers and Students of the Maryland Agricultural College.

At a meeting of the officers and students of the Maryland Agricultural College, held on Monday, 26th June, Prof. N. B. WORTHINGTON was called to the chair, and RICHARD H. GOLDSBOROUGH, appointed Secretary.

The Chairman, on taking his seat, said, that it was the purpose of those who suggested this meeting, to propose the establishment of a Society, the object of which should be to give its support, by all suitable means, to that feature of the College whose especial aim was the improvement of Agriculture. It was thought that a general association outside of College regulations, answering to the Societies usually attached to Literary Institutions, the members of which should pledge themselves personally to the furtherance of what was designed to be the peculiar feature of our Institution, would be productive of many good results. We all, perhaps, would feel more interest in fostering the idea, if we should come together in common, frequently, for the purpose of discussing questions of importance connected with Agriculture.

We may get up an Agricultural Library and a Reading Room, where the best periodical publications will be obtained regularly.

A Museum of Agricultural specimens, as plants, grains, &c., it is proposed to collect.

Public meetings may be had occasionally, and prominent Agriculturists invited to lecture and make addresses.

In the future, it may be that we may have Annual Exhibitions of our agricultural handiwork, in which our contemporaries throughout the State may be invited to compete with us.

It may be that our old Maryland Agricultural Society, the Mother of our College, will resume the privileges of her Charter, and come up here yearly, with the flocks and herds that used to be the pride and boast of our Maryland Agriculture.

These are things we may hope and look for, and through these and other such means, may we not expect to forward, in some measure, the great leading object we should all have ever in view, the success and prosperity of our Farmers' College.

On the conclusion of these remarks, it was moved that a Committee be appointed by the Chair, to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the proposed Society, and to nominate officers.

This motion was carried, and the Chair appointed Messrs. R. H. Goldsborough, William J. Mayo, J. B. Wells, James E. Clayton and William Ward.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned, till 3 o'clock, to await the Report of the Committee.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, and the Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and the nomination of officers, called for.

The Committee, through their chairman, R. H. Goldsborough, reported a Constitution, which, after some discussion and several amendments, was unanimously adopted.

"THE COLLEGE SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE," is the name of the Association.

Mr. Wm. J. Mayo, from the same Committee, reported as officers of the Society, for the coming year, the names as given above. The report was unanimously adopted.

The meeting then, on motion, adjourned.

R. H. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Secretary.*

MEETING OF THE

College Society of Agriculture and Horticulture.

Immediately after the adjournment of the meeting, as above, the President elect called the Society to order, and signified his acceptance of the office to which he was elected, and his thanks for the compliment paid him.

A motion was made that a Committee be appointed by the Chair, to prepare an address to the Sons of Maryland Farmers.

Messrs. Wm. Goldsborough, of Talbot Co. and Wm. J. Mayo, of Anne Arundel Co., were appointed said Committee.

On motion, the Society then adjourned, to meet again on the call of the President.

EDWARD HALL, *Secretary.*

TO THE SONS OF MARYLAND FARMERS.

THE undersigned, a committee appointed for the purpose, by the Agricultural Society of the Maryland Agricultural College, make you this address in behalf of their Society, and of the College, of which it is an adjunct.

We, the sons of Maryland farmers, greet you as brothers—as sharers of one home and heritage; as joint heirs of the soil of our loved and honored Maryland; bound to her as children to the home of their childhood, and to one another as sons of a happy household.

Our Society is an association of officers and students, outside of college regulations, but designed like the “Mercer Society,” a literary association of the College, to further its purposes. While the latter aims to promote general culture, the Agricultural Society is intended to devote itself to the promotion of the Agricultural features of the college. In all that we expect or aim to do, we have in view the prosperity of the College, and, through it, that of the Agriculture of the State. In what we have to say, we cannot therefore separate them.

And first of all, brothers, those of you who are in the course of your education, *we want you here*. This College was founded by the farmers of Maryland, by our fathers and yours, designed especially for our use, and freely offered to all who, like us, believe that the highest mental culture is not a thing apart from and above agricultural pursuits. They believed, that as their occupation is most favorable to bodily health and sound morals, it is not less so to intellectual development, and the highest and most refined mental culture. Their faith in this idea has brought forth this College as its work. They have aimed to elevate, and honor, and adorn their favorite pursuit, not only by having it taught as a science, embracing many sciences, but by bringing along side of, and in closest association with it, a seat of learning, where the sons of citizens and countrymen may alike be taught, and trained, and disciplined, in all the ways of mental growth, and development, and elevation. It was not enough to give their sons instruction in Agricultural Science and call it education. This term they have not mislead us to believe, means any thing less than the cultivation of all the qualities, moral, mental and

physical, which make the boy a man, and the man such as his Maker would have him.

Our College, as we have said, is a Maryland work, growing out of what we believe to be a Maryland idea. It was founded by our Fathers, Maryland Farmers, but not yet built up in all it was designed to be. It is our part and yours to complete their work. They spent money and time for it, with no reward but the hope of a public good; we have little to do comparatively while enjoying the rich benefits it now offers, but let us by all means at least sustain and support it. We can give numbers by enrolling our names here. In the future, when our Institution is better understood, we anticipate large recruits from other States; let us in the meantime show our confidence and our State pride, by honoring our own College. We can greatly aid our Governors and Preceptors in giving it character and a good name. It is well known how much in this respect depends upon the character of students, as to diligence and good order, and we know that to no source whatever, may we look with so much confidence for the material to make good students, as to the sons of Maryland Farmers. We should by all proper means excite a State feeling for our College. The State in its inception gave it handsome aid, and recently it has got from the General Government an appropriation of public lands which will make it the most richly endowed educational institution in Maryland. For this reason, and because it is peculiarly the College of the land interest of the State, it should, and must, take the lead in the great educational movement which has just been inaugurated.

As regards the Society which this committee represents, it has been instituted, as we have said, in furtherance especially of the agricultural feature of the College, and as our work will be chiefly here, it may be asked, what have we to do with you, who are not here? In the first place, we wish to have you, and all who may have any concern for this Institution, understand, that we appreciate the idea it was based upon, and are willing to pledge ourselves, personally, to do all we can to realize that idea. In the second place, *we want you here*, as we said before—all those who are of college years—first as members of the College, and then of our Agricultural Society. Those who have passed that period, we want as its interested friends, who will send us agricultural specimens for our Museum, write for our Journal should we have one, attend our public meetings, and, should we hereafter get up an annual exhibition of farm products and stock, send us contributions of their industry and skill. And

we wish to say to the farmers' boys who are yet too young for college, that this is their place, and they must grow and learn as fast as they can, and come here and help to do the work their fathers laid out for them.

In conclusion, we appeal to you again as Marylanders, in behalf of what we believe is destined to be a great Maryland work. It is our pride, and we trust it will be yours, to have our names enrolled now, in its early days, on the archives of a seat of learning, which, when it rises from the ground in all its fair and noble proportions, will be a monument to its builders, firm as its granite base, and more enduring than perennial brass.

WM. GOLDSBOROUGH, JR., *Talbot County,*

WILLIAM J. MAYO, *Anne Arundel County,*

Committee.

Of Students of the College and others, who may receive copies of this Journal, or of the Catalogue, will please distribute them.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The Fall Session of the MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, will open on *Monday, the 11th of September.* Circulars for special information may be had on application to the undersigned, or at the principal book-stores in Baltimore, after the 1st of August. Applications for admission must be made at the College, and notification of such application should be made by letter before the opening of the session.

Attention is called to the fact that the peculiar features of the College do not interfere with the usual course of scholastic learning as pursued in colleges of the highest grade. The curriculum embraces a full classical, mathematical and scientific course.

A Preparatory Department is connected with the College, into which boys not under twelve years of age are admitted and prepared for college classes.

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